

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 12 are amended. Support for these amendments can be found, at least, on pages 14-19 of Applicants' specification. No new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Augustin at the personal interview held July 15, 2010, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0052998 to Kiyosu et al. ("Kiyosu"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 12, as amended, recite a print server support system having a unit for generating device link profile information for each agency specified by the information selected by the selection unit where "each agency having a plurality of remarkable print output machines and the device link profile information containing color reproducibility information for each remarkable print output machine at the agency." Kiyosu does not disclose or suggest this feature.

Using the rejection of claim 1 for illustrative purposes, Kiyosu discloses a color image processing device for causing an output unit connected via a network to output a color image. See paragraph [0002] of Kiyosu. Kiyosu discloses a color conversion section 13 that takes out the color conversion information corresponding to the output unit specified as the output target through an instruction terminal 11 from the color conversion information storage section 14, and performs color conversion processing for original data according to the color conversion information. See paragraph [0055] of Kiyosu.

Kiyosu discloses that the color conversion information storage section 14 stores the color conversion information provided in a one to one correspondence with the output units and a color conversion information is set so that the output color of the output unit based on the original data becomes the target color. See paragraph [0055] of Kiyosu. Essentially, Kiyosu stores color conversion information for a targeted output device and converts the color information at the source device based upon the color conversion information for the target device. However, and as discussed during the personal interview, Kiyosu does not generate information regarding an agency and the multiple devices available at a particular agency.

By contrast, claim 1 recites a print service support system having a unit for generating device link profile information for each agency specified by the information selected by the selection unit where "each agency having a plurality of remarkable print output machines and the device link profile information containing color reproducibility information for each remarkable print output machine at the agency." As agreed upon during the personal interview, Kiyosu does not disclose or suggest this feature of claim 1, nor does it disclose the above-mentioned features of claims 4-6, 9, 10 and 12. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10 and 12, and claims 2, 3, 7, 8 and 11 depending therefrom, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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